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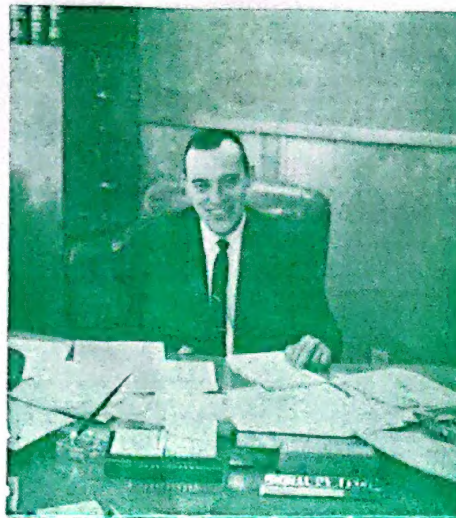
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EDITORIAL

It is with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that the Editorial Staff of your newspaper bring to you this December issue with the "New Look". This step forward is due in no small part to your enthusiastic reception of previous issues in which we have tried to provide articles of interest. We are also not unmindful of the complete cooperation of Mel Hutchinson, our President, and the rest of Management in seeing that adequate time and materials are available to enable us to accomplish our purpose.

If you like your paper, have any criticism of a constructive nature, or suggestions, why not send a letter directly to the Editor. If you have tried a recipe which was printed and like it, please let us know. We will be glad to publish your letter if you wish. Or, if you would like to know something about your company or an employee, if we are at liberty to publish the information we will do so. Remember, this is your newspaper. Its existence depends upon how well it serves you. Your continued support will be helpful and very much appreciated.

As we approach the Holiday Season your Editorial Staff extends to you and yours their personal wish that your Christmas will be a joyous one and that the New Year will be exceptionally good to you.



Don Froh

The United Fund

By Don Froh—Treasurer

Following is listed the Employee contributions to the United Fund by each plant. It should be noted that the contributions of Mobile Home Finance Company are included in the figures for Drayton Plains.

St. Louis \$1,678.00

Drayton Plains \$270.00

Kansas \$467.50

The total contributions by the Company to the United Fund amounted to \$3,500.00.

The employees at St. Louis are to be complimented for their excellent showing, and I would like to point out that they showed a nice increase over last year. This increase amounted to approximately 25%. It would appear that St. Louis has given Drayton Plains and Kansas some competition for the future. It might be interesting to note that even though the average contribution per man was only about \$3.00 greater at St. Louis, you can see from the total figures that this makes a big difference in the contributions at each plant. I think with a little effort Drayton Plains and Kansas can reverse this picture and be the ones giving the competition next year.

Let's all of us get in there and pitch next year as there is no doubt that these funds are used to good advantage.



Detroit Subsidiary Buys Alma Building

Mel Hutchinson, President of the St. Louis Agency, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Detroit Mobile Homes, Inc., has announced the purchase of the First State Bank Building in Alma. The Agency will be moving its offices to the building as soon as remodeling is completed.

It is expected that the St. Louis Agency, Inc. will begin operating as a general insurance agency sometime after the first of the year. This will mean that the Detroit subsidiary will be selling all types of insurance to the public after that date.

Company to Provide Emergency Cars

Detroit is now in the process of obtaining three vehicles, probably station wagons, to be used as emergency cars. These cars will be equipped with stretchers and the latest in first aid equipment and materials. One car will be available at each plant, and it is planned to have these vehicles in use shortly after the first of the year.

The company has been very fortunate, through the fine cooperation of the employees, to have maintained an enviable record of safety over the past seven years, but safety records do slip if we are not constantly safety conscious. The emergency cars will not prevent accidents, but are being provided as part of the company's program of bringing to its employees whenever possible the services which will contribute to their welfare and security.

Let's all do our jobs the safe way. Think of these vehicles as you do your life insurance. It is a comfort to know that we have it but we are not anxious to use it.

Thank You

The following letter was placed in the St. Louis Leader-Press following the election at St. Louis:

To the Employees of Detroit Mobile Homes:

On behalf of all supervision and management of Detroit, I wish to THANK YOU for the vote of confidence as evidenced by your decisive "no union" vote last Tuesday. While it takes a lot of teamwork and many long hours to build up a workable and satisfactory relationship with employees, your appreciation as expressed in the election is a great reward for this effort.

I assure you that we will not violate the trust you have placed in us. We shall continue to strive for an even better record in the future. With your help the company will continue to grow and our jobs will become even more secure.

Mel Hutchinson

Tom: Do you know why a man living in New Hampshire cannot be buried west of the Mississippi?

Jerry: No, why?

Tom: Because he isn't dead yet.



Here is a preview of the living room of one of the 1961 Detroit models which will be shown at the National Dealer Show in Louisville, Kentucky, early in January. This model will have an expanding living

room and rear bedrooms which will give the retail buyer maximum living space which he has never had before in a mobile home.

Union Defeated At St. Louis

In an election supervised by the National Labor Relations Board held at the St. Louis plant, 208 production and maintenance employees voted against a union being named as their bargaining agent. A number of votes were challenged but because the margin was so great, and since they could not have changed the result, they were not counted.

Mel Hutchinson spoke to the employees on Wednesday, November 30, the day after the election. Mel stated, "I am pleased to know that you feel we have done a good job in handling your problems and in treating you fairly during the past seven years. I assure you that we will continue to make that record better and better as time goes by."

The vote was interpreted as reflecting the general feeling that exists in the minds of the employees, that is, that DETROITER TOPS THEM ALL in many ways, including personal relations and concern for the welfare of the employees. While job seniority, a liberal bonus plan, paid vacations and holidays, fully paid group insurance plans, and the high wage rates were regarded as very important by the employees, the steady employment record of Detroit was believed to have been one of the greatest factors in the minds of the voting employees. Another decisive factor was the "open-door" policy which has always existed at all Detroit plants. Any employee has always been urged to discuss his problems with supervision or with Mel or Al Weideman if they so desired.

Mel assured the employees who had worked with the union that there would be no reprisals or discrimination. He stated that, "Everyone will be subject to the same rules of employment, which

will be enforced fairly." He emphasized that, "Every man would be expected to do his job as he had in the past."

While the union had predicted that management would take benefits away from employees after the election, Mel assured the men that this was completely untrue. He emphasized that no benefit which had been gained during the seven years he had been associated with them would be taken away. He also noted that he would be working even harder to do a good job for Detroit and each of the employees to make their jobs even more secure.

Mel closed his remarks by thanking the employees for the support they had given and the confidence which they had expressed in the Detroit organization.

"Last night I said to my wife 'Let's go for a drive.' In five minutes she was ready to go, and we started across the river, and do you know what? Our automobile ran off the bridge and sank, but a large dog dived in and rescued us and then ran up the road for help... What are you grinning about? Don't you believe me?"

Yes, all except that ridiculous part about your wife being ready in five minutes.



Insurance Club

Life insurance has come a long ways since the By-Laws of a typical "Insurance Club" were written sometime during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

They read as follows:

Sec. 1. On the decease of any member of this Society in good standing, each member shall pay one dollar and ten cents to the Treasurer, who shall pay one dollar of the same to the widow of the deceased member, or the nearest relative, and any member failing to pay when notified, the same shall be charged as dues; and no member who shall be in arrears for three months will be entitled to receive the above.

Sec. 2. All officers and members of the Society shall attend the funeral of deceased members, and for non-attendance the officers shall be fined \$1.00, and the members shall be fined 25 cts. Officers shall wear at all funerals a white rosette, and members a white ribbon, on the left lapel of their coats. The funeral arrangements shall be under the charge of a marshal, appointed by the President for that purpose.

Sec. 3. There shall be elected a chaplain, whose duty shall be to attend the funerals of the deceased members, and he may adopt such services as he shall think proper.

Sec. 4. No member shall lose his right in the above sections except at his own request, on his taking his cards; but he must keep at all times his residence registered in the books of the Society, and for neglect of doing so, or failure to pay his dollar and ten cents, after 60 days notice, his name shall be dropped from the roll, and he shall cease to be a member of the Insurance. The ten cents shall be held to pay expenses, and the Treasurer shall, on the death of a member, report all money collected, with the expense thereof.

You Could Use One of These In Your Family Room

If you have been looking for another gadget for your family room, you might consider making an old fashioned Lapboard. Nothing in this modern age has quite taken its place, and Dad can make it in his workshop with very little effort or expense. It is useful to every member of the family regardless of age.

A Lapboard can be made from plywood and should be about 36" x 20" in size, with a rounded section cut out on one side to fit the body. After this is done, the Lapboard may be painted your favorite color or varnished. It is rested on the lap or placed between the arms of a chair to provide a work or play surface. This makes an ideal surface area for sewing, studying, letter writing or card playing.

If you really want a deluxe Lapboard, a checkerboard may be painted on the surface, and a yard rule scored along the top.

BOWLING

By Lee Dolloff

The bowling season is well under way, and Detroit is well represented in the various leagues in the St. Louis-Alma Area. Bob Harger's Detroit No. 1 is in first place in the Tri-City League and with recent high scoring this is understandable.

The Industrial League at Riviera Lanes gives us Loyd Cameron's Detroit Aces, who have occupied first place a good portion of the early season. Leading the league with his powerful ball and a 181 average is Dick Grymonprez.

Also, in the Industrial League and coming on fast are the keggers of Chuck O'Meara. With Al "Tiger" Thomas, Jim Bronson, Everett Larson, Basil Pyle, Ron Murray, and Dick Pawson, this team most certainly is to be reckoned with.

As in most team sports, a bench is necessary for participants who take up the slack when regulars falter. That being the case Detroit teams have a good man in Ernie Best who will at a moment's notice fill in for any Detroit Team needing a fifth man. Of course, as only Ernie can tell you, he is more acclaimed for his horse shoe pitching.

With the basketball season about to get underway, a team is being organized at the St. Louis Plant. John Heck is the team coach. John reports that a league is being formed in the St. Louis-Alma Area and he hopes to enter our Detroit squad. Our next edition will give the names of the players and information as to their progress. Incidentally, John was quite an athlete in his High School days at Van Wert, Ohio. Winning 12 letters in four sports is a feat seldom accomplished.

Sports

Bowlers of the Month at St. Louis

To give the rest of the bowlers something to shoot at, we are listing below the names of the lady bowlers who in November bowled games of 150 or over, and men bowlers who came up with games of 200 or over.

Detroit No. 2 Ladies' Team Assorted Twelve League

Wanita Spencer 165-168
Janet Eichorn 150

Bernadine Burlingame 152-157

Tri-City League

Bob Harger 204-203-213-214-231
Cor. Woodard 200-206-221
C. Covell 200-235
C. Sebastian 201
D. Hutchinson 208-233

Inter-City League

Bob Harger 212-217-222
D. Bovee 209-221
C. Covell 201
C. O'Meara 209

Industrial League

D. Pawson 212-204
C. O'Meara 206
E. Larsen 207
D. Grymonprez 200-206-211-217

A Table of Wages by the day which was prepared about 80 years ago began at 25¢ per day, and the maximum daily wage shown was \$2.37, and this was for a 10 hour day. A similar table for wages by the week began at \$1.00, and the maximum weekly wage was shown as \$18.00 for a 10 hour day.

Kansas Plant

Detroit team No. 1, having led the league since the first of the season, finally released their hold of first place. Last Wednesday night was the 12th night of bowling; and as such, a position night. Detroit No. 1 was in first place by one point, bowling the second place team. They lost four points. This loss moved them to third place but they, like McArthur, vow that they shall return! Good luck boys, but look out for Detroit No. 2. They have the same idea.

Pheasant season this year in Kansas showed a bountiful number of birds with most hunters getting their limit. Ironically those who travelled the farthest from home, like Kenny Schwartz, got the least number of birds.

The Kansas Detroit basketball team held their first practice session at the Sports Arena on Thursday night, November 17th. Coach John Wolfe of the Security Dept. says he has some good players but reports two shortages. First a shortness of height of the players reporting, and also a shortness in numbers. So if any men in the Kansas Plant have an inclination to play basketball and have a good time, John and the boys would appreciate having you help them out. Here's to a lot of fun and a good season to all concerned.

Drayton Plains Plant

After canvassing the plant personnel Monday, November 21st (after first week of deer season) we came up with the sad tale from all quarters—We didn't see any or there were lots of deer but unable to get a shot or couldn't tell whether it was a buck or doe. So consequently we got only a few nimrods to tell us that they got theirs.

William King—Floor Dept., reports he got a nice 150 lb. spike up Harrisonville way.

Leon Cross—Floor Dept., reports getting a big 180 lb. spike ten miles west of Cadillac, Mich.

Fred Lindsay—Supt., got a doe but was not too overly enthused about it.

Then possibly the tallest yarn (This reporter believed that Mac was telling the truth — however there were others who were not convinced) came from Mac Johns — Mill Foreman. Mac got a hold of one with a big big rack—hit him twice in the foreleg and shoulder, but the darn thing got up to limp away into a swamp. Mac searched and searched this swamp from end to end and couldn't locate the critter. Then Mac got a shot at another one—this one got away too. Mac is another one determined to get his buck, so the search continued throughout the rest of the season, hoping, hoping, hoping. (As we go to press, only silence from Drayton Plains, and the season is over.)

**A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year**

Successful Deer Hunters from St. Louis Plant

Name	Dept.	Type	Weight
Dick Flegel	Window Dept.	8 pt. buck	219 lbs.
Fred Joslin	Window Dept.	8 pt. buck	160 lbs.
John Kestuck	Maintenance Dept.	Spikehorn	150 lbs.
Howard Drews	Paint Dept.	Spikehorn	140 lbs.
Gerry Short	Final Dept.	Spikehorn	135 lbs.
Eugene Hall	Paint Dept.	Spikehorn	145 lbs.
Marvin Clark	Paint Dept.	8 pt. buck	141 lbs.
Red Agle	Window Dept.	Spikehorn	120 lbs.
Erwin Hoffman	Final Dept.	4 pt. buck	126 lbs.
Frank Whitney	Paint Dept.	Doe	120 lbs.
Deforest Tate	Metal Dept.	10 pt. buck	252 lbs.
Ralph Sander	Framing Dept.	5 pt. buck	120 lbs.
Fred Ringle	Finish Dept.	Spikehorn	unknown
Ken Becker	Welding	7 pt. buck	140 lbs.
Dale LaCross	Welding	7 pt. buck	175 lbs.
Bob Johnson	Welding	3 pt. buck	140 lbs.
Ray Tester	Metal Dept.	4 pt. buck	unknown

There are possibly others who should be added to this list on whom a report has not been received. If the information is received prior to the January issue, it will be passed along to you.

Mother Said There Would Be Days Like This

Sometimes, the proverbial adage becomes a reality. At least one that we know of. "It never rains but what it pours" did. Such was the case with Drayton's Upfitter Earl King.

First—It was October 20th — and Earl being an erstwhile nimrod hied himself and his dog out to get some pheasants. They tramped the country-side over and they, between the two of them, could not kick up any birds whatsoever. So, the dog became so incensed over his (or was it Earl's) inability to kick out any birds, that he tore up the interior of Earl's car.

Second—Now it is October 21st—the King's pet parakeet went and took up his residence in bird heaven.

Third—Still the 21st of October—At that, there generally is a silver lining and in this instance it was a silver lining, for Earl's better half presented him with a fine new boy—Earl Russell, Jr. is the handle. T'was born early at 5:00 a.m. and came in at a trim 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

PS No. 1 The parakeet just couldn't stand the competition.

PS No. 2 Incidentally, Earl did not get his deer either.

EVERYBODY IS OUT OF STEP BUT ME

Saturday, December 5th, was not Ted Allen's day. At exactly 5:07 Ted, who is the Cabinet Department Foreman at St. Louis, drove up to the Security Office and asked in rapid succession, "Where is everybody? Isn't this the day we taken inventory? There are no cars in the parking lot, why? It is now five minutes after seven, is everybody going to be late? Finally Lee Dolloff, Security Officer, got Ted calmed down and proceeded to explain to him that it actually was not five minutes after seven, but seven minutes past five. It was not reported to us whether Ted went to work or if he went home to get another hour or so of sleep, but we do suspect the fact that Ted had his wrist watch on backwards had something to do with the situation.

Sport Brief

Drayton Detroit Office girls Pat Cline and Jackie Laing are really upholding their own when it comes to bowling. It isn't often they get a 200 game but when they do, we are told about it and often. Yep, Jackie's the latest—she got 212, and had the score sheet to prove it. Nice going.

A CHALLENGE

Start eating your wheaties, men, Leo Moeggenberg reports that his St. Louis Security Department will accept any and all challenges to a Tug-Of-War, come next year's Detroit picnic. A six man team to be made up from within any other department. Any challengers?



Brain Twisters

Two Indians were walking along together. One was large and the other was small. The small Indian was the large Indian's Son, but the large Indian was not the small Indian's Father.

Question: What was the relationship of the large Indian to the small Indian?

Question: What is the difference between twenty four-quart bottles and four and twenty quart bottles?

Question: If 5 times 4 are 33, what will be the fourth of 20 be?

Question: If you cut 30 yards of cloth into one-yard pieces, and cut one yard every day, how long with it take?

Question: What is the difference between six dozen dozen and a half dozen dozen?

Question: How can you place three sixes together so as to make 7?

(Ask Mother or Dad to help you on the one below)

A cheese being put into one of the scales of a false balance was found to weigh 16 lbs.; when put into the other only 9 lbs.

Question: What was the true weight?

Two men were standing on a corner. One walked away and a stranger came. The man left on the corner said to the stranger "Brothers and sisters I have none, but that man's Father is my Father's Son."

Question: What is the relationship between the man talking and the man walking away?

Note: Answers appear on another page.

Dates of Company Christmas Parties Announced

The Annual Company Christmas Parties have been scheduled as follows:

At Kansas the date was December 8th. The time and place was 7:30 p.m. at the Hutchinson Sports Arena, 700 E. 11th Street, with the doors opened at 7:00 a.m.

At Drayton Plains the date is December 15th. The time and place is 7:00 p.m. at the C.A.I. Building on Williams Lake Road at Waterford, Michigan, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

For St. Louis the date is December 14th. The time and place is 7:00 p.m. at the Alma Armory, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Santa has been contacted and now has this information in his book. He has promised to be there, but due to his busy schedule he could not give us the exact time of arrival.

Basketball

Elsewhere in this issue it was mentioned that we would obtain the names of those on Detroit's squad for the next issue. However, we have been able to get this information from Coach John Heck sooner than had been expected. Those participating will be as follows:

Kenneth Catlin—Forward
William Pavlik—Any position
Arnold Anderson—Forward & Guard
Bud Chaney—Guard
Leonard Mayland—Center
Richard Flegel—Center
Da'e Bovee—Guard
John Pavlik—Forward
Ronald Murray—Any position
Keith Wyeth—Forward
Bernard Lott—Guard
Robert Gibson—Guard

These St. Louis plant men will be playing in the Alma City League which is made up of 12 teams.

New Co-Pilot

Harold O. Sommers has been added to the staff of the Aviation Department as a Co-Pilot. Harold is married and lives in St. Louis with his wife and five children. He has been flying for eight years and has accumulated approximately 3000 hours. He has earned certificates for instrumental and multi-engine flying with Commercial ratings. We welcome Harold and his family to the ever growing Detroit Family.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1 Geiger Counter with ear phones and blinker light for locating uranium ore. Cost new \$100.00. Contact Alex Coleman, 622 E. Broadway, Newton, Kansas. Saw Sharpening Department—Kansas Plant

For Sale: My name is David Bradley I am a Sears product I have a 24" law mower I have 15" tires I would like to plow your snow. See my Boss, Ralph LaLonde, St. Louis Metal Dept.

For Sale: Four bedroom, two story house on 179 ft. x 135 ft. lot. Completely remodeled, modern kitchen, gas heat. Extra lot for building purposes if desired. Inquire of Doris Ortiz, St. Louis Sales Dept., or at 623 Berea St., St. Louis. Phone 7324.

For Sale: Oil Heater. Phone HO 3-3392. Dale LaCross St. Louis Welding Department.

For Rent: Trailer space. Contact Jim McKinney, St. Louis Framing Department.

RECIPES

OATMEAL PUDDING CAKE

Add 1½ Cup hot water to 1 cup oatmeal. Let set while mixing rest of ingredients.

- 1 stick butter (or margarine)
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 1 C. white sugar

Cream above together, then add:

- 2 eggs
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1½ C. flour
- 1 t. baking soda
- ½ t. salt
- 1 t. cinnamon

Add the oatmeal and water. Bake in oblong or square baking dish 35 to 40 minutes or until done at 350°.

TOPPING FOR OATMEAL CAKE

- 2 T. butter
- 1 C. brown sugar
- ½ C. evaporated milk
- 1 C. coconut

Spread on hot cake, return to oven for about 10 minutes, or until brown.

Mrs. James Bronson
(St. Louis)

MOLDED COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD

- 1 medium cucumber, unpeeled
- 1 onion, small
- 1 Pkg. lemon Jell-O
- ½ C. hot water
- 1 T. vinegar
- ½ C. mayonnaise
- 1 lb. cottage cheese
- ½ C. chopped nuts (if desired)

Grind the cucumber and onion together. Combine them with the remaining ingredients and put in a mold to chill.

Mrs. James Bronson
(St. Louis)

THUMBPRINT COOKIES

Mix together thoroughly:

- ½ C. soft shortening (part butter)
- ¼ C. brown sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- ½ Teaspoon vanilla

Sift together and stir in:

- 1 C. sifted flour
- ¼ Teaspoon salt

Roll into 1 inch balls. Dip each ball in slightly beaten egg white. Roll in finely ground nut meats (¾ cup). Place about one inch apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake five minutes. Remove from oven. Quickly press thumb gently on top of each cookie. Return to oven and bake eight minutes. Cool. When ready to serve place in the thumb print bits of candied fruit, sparkling jelly or colored confectioners icing. Bake 375 degrees.

These thumbprint cookies can be stored in a tightly covered container for 3 or 4 days. They can be used a few at a time for holiday entertaining. They are both delightful to eat and easy to fix. Makes 2 dozen.

Mrs. Ken Carter
(St. Louis)

NEWS OF INTEREST . . .

to . . . women

BAKED FUDGE

- ½ Cup margarine
- 3 Ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 2 Cups sugar
- 3 Eggs
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla
- 1½ Cups sifted flour
- ¼ Teaspoon salt
- 1 Cup chopped walnuts

Melt margarine and chocolate together. Gradually beat in sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Sift flour with salt. Add to chocolate mixture along with nuts. Spread in buttered 9x9x2 inch pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes, or until done. Cool and cut in 1½ inch squares. Store in air tight container. Can be frozen. Makes 36.

Florence Clapp
St. Louis Accounting

COCONUT CHEWS

- ½ C. brown sugar, firmly packed
- ½ C. shortening (half butter)
- 1 C. sifted all-purpose flour

Blend sugar and shortening. Stir in flour. Pat out mixture onto bottom of an ungreased pan (9x9x2 inches). Bake in a moderate oven (350°) for 10 minutes.

- 2 eggs, well beaten
- ½ C. brown sugar, firmly packed
- ½ C. Karo syrup, blue or red label
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 T. baking powder
- ½ t. salt
- 1 C. shredded coconut
- 1 C. Chopped walnuts

Blend eggs and brown sugar. Stir in Karo syrup and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder and salt, mixing well. Stir in coconut and nuts and spread over bottom layer. Return to oven and bake 25 minutes longer or until golden brown. Cool; cut into bars.

Julia Smelik
Legal Dept.

GINGER BREAD BOYS

Mix thoroughly:

- ½ Cup soft shortening
- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 1½ Cup black molasses

Stir in:

- ½ Cup cold water

Sift together and stir in:

- 7 Cups sifted flour
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Teaspoon allspice
- 1 Teaspoon ginger
- 1 Teaspoon cloves
- 1 Teaspoon cinnamon

Stir in:

- 2 Teaspoons soda dissolved in 3 tablespoons of cold water

Chill dough thoroughly

Roll out very thick (½ inch) Grease cardboard ginger bread boy pattern, place on dough and cut around with very sharp knife. With a pancake turner, carefully transfer boys to lightly greased baking sheet. Press raisins into dough for eyes and nose and shoe buttons. Use bits of red candied cherries for mouth and colored gum drops for buttons; strips of citron will make his tie. Bake. Cool slightly, then carefully remove from baking sheet. Use white icing to outline collar, cuffs, belt and shoes. Or use your own imagination as to decorations, and have fun. The children love to decorate them to suit themselves. Makes 12 boys. Bake at 350° in moderate oven.

Mrs. Ken Carter
(St. Louis)

CRUMBLED HAMBURGER

- ½ C. chopped onion
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 T. flour
- 6 T. catsup
- 1 T. prepared mustard
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1 C. sour cream
- 8 Hamburger buns

Brown onion and meat together. Mix in remaining ingredients, except buns. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes. Serve hot on toasted split buns. 8 servings.

Mrs. James Bronson
(St. Louis)

BUTTERNUT CRUNCH

Combine

- 1 C. Sugar
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ C. water (cold)
- ½ C. butter

Cook 285° stirring all the time. Add ½ C. nut meats. Pour in an oblong pan which was buttered before hand. Let cool.

Melt a 6 oz. package hershey sweet chocolate bar. Spread over the above, then sprinkle ½ C. chopped nutmeats over the top. Let set and when firm break into pieces.



RECIPES

HUNGARIAN BRIGHT STARS

- 5 C. sifted all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ t. salt
- 4 t. baking powder
- 1 lb. shortening
- 6 egg yolks
- 2 cakes fresh yeast
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. lukewarm milk

In a large shallow bowl, sift flour, salt and baking powder. With cookie blender cut in shortening until texture is like rice. Add egg yolks and yeast that has been dissolved in the milk with two drops of yellow food coloring added. Blend all ingredients well but do not over-work. Divide dough into at least five or six parts so that it is easier to work with. Place in large flat pan, cover, and place in refrigerator for one-half hour to an hour to chill.

FILLING

Grind one pound of dried apricots, add about one-half cup of water and steam over very low flame. Add one-half cup white sugar and cook, stirring constantly. Beat with spoon as it cooks and when thick remove from heat to cool. Must be thoroughly cool before using. Take one part of dough at a time, roll out on a board that is sprinkled with mixture of ground walnuts and sugar. Roll out to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness. Use a zig-zag cookie cutter. Cut dough into two-inch squares, then with a sharp paring knife cut each corner in about one inch toward the center. Place one-half teaspoon of apricot filling in the center of each cookie, folding over every other corner of the cookie to form a star. Place cookies one inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes. Remove at once with small spatula to cool, sprinkle lightly with powdered sugar before serving.

Florence Clapp
St. Louis Accounting

NUT BUTTER BALLS

- 1 C. soft butter or margarine
- $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ C. powdered sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt
- 1 t. almond extract
- 2 C. sifted all purpose flour
- 1 to 2 cups chopped nuts

Mix butter with sugar until creamy. Add salt, extract, flour, nuts; mix well. Chill dough until easy to handle. Heat oven. Using fingers, shape dough into 1 inch balls. Press $\frac{1}{2}$ of candied cherry on top of each piece of dough. Use ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

CHOCO-BUTTER CRESCENTS

Use recipe for Nut Butter Balls and when adding nuts; also add 1 package chocolate bits and bake.

COCONUT POMPONS

Use recipe for Nut Butter Balls and omit chopped nuts. Shape each piece of dough around half a pecan, date or almond, then roll in shredded coconut and bake.

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APRICOT BARS

- $\frac{3}{4}$ C. dried apricots
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C. soft butter or margarine
- $\frac{1}{4}$ C. granulated sugar
- 1 C. sifted all purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C. sifted all purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ t. salt
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 2 Eggs well beaten
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C. chopped nuts
- Powdered sugar

Rinse apricots; cover with water; boil 10 minutes. Drain cool, chop. Heat oven to 350°. Grease 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Mix until crumbly butter, granulated sugar and 1 cup flour. Pack into pan. Bake about 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Sift together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour, baking powder, salt. Gradually beat brown sugar into eggs. Add flour mixture; mix well. Mix in vanilla, nuts and apricots. Spread over baked layer. Bake 30 minutes at 350° or until done. Cool in pan, cut into bars. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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BIRTHS

Baby girl—Pamela Jean—8 lb. 10 oz. Born October 8th at Wilcox Hospital, Alma, Mich., to Mr. and Mrs. Basil Pyle. Basil is with the Security Dept. at St. Louis.

Baby boy—Bryan Stewart—8 lb. 3 oz. Born at Gratiot Community Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams. Henry is with the Maintenance Dept. at St. Louis.

Baby girl—Laura Lynn—9 lb. Born Nov. 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fillhard are the parents. Mr. Fillhard is in St. Louis Framing.

Baby boy—Lyman Lynn—9 lb. 3 oz. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith on Nov. 16th. Earl is in the Paint Department at St. Louis.

Baby girl—Kristy Lynn—8 lb. 3 oz. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baxter on Nov. 4th. Ted is in Yard Repair at St. Louis.

Baby boy—Arley George—8 lb. 4 oz. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ryder on Nov. 30th. Larry is in the Final Department at St. Louis.

PERSONALS

The Framing Department at Kansas added two potential citizens to our Country's roll when Mrs. Bill Hensen, born in Osaka, Japan, filed her first papers, and Mrs. George Martin had her last interview prior to issuance of citizenship papers. Mrs. Martin was born in Cicuna, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baldinus, Diane and Cindy, of Cadillac, Michigan, were recent visitors at the home of their niece, Mrs. Maynard Danks of Hutchinson. Maynard is a Foreman in the Kansas plant.

Stuart Hutchinson, Zone Manager, Kansas Plant, attended an outstanding Open House that our dealer in Gallup, New Mexico, held on the 5th and 6th of November. Stu feels that this dealer will be a big asset for the company as time goes on.

G. E. O'Brien, Regional Sales Manager at Kansas spent several days in November making calls on dealers in Texas. Jerry reports that his trip turned out to be very fruitful.

Pat Homar has joined the secretarial staff in the Sales Department at Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Seed had as their house guests during November their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe Seed and daughter Kay. Red is in the Production Control Department at Kansas.

Beth Lawson, Sales Dept., Kansas, celebrated a birthday during November.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Estep enjoyed a week-end recently in Kansas City. Paul is Regional Sales Manager in Kansas.

The Kansas Sales Department welcomes Mr. Bill Martin to the staff. Bill will be a new Zone Manager in the department.

Fortune smiled on the Framing Department this past month in the form of a new Corvair for Arthur Fabrizio and a new TV for John Niday, at Kansas.

Gary Acton of the St. Louis Paint Department and The Country Gentlemen are playing for dances at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Pompeii, Mich., from 9:00 to 1:00 Friday evenings.

Mrs. Ira Welch has returned home from Gratiot Community Hospital where she was a patient. Ira is a St. Louis Metal Dept. employee.



Wedding Bells at Drayton Plains

Kenneth Brown, Drayton Metal Dept., and Ruth E. Hutchinson, daughter of Rev. Allen Hutchinson were married November 5th, 1960, in the Oakwood Full Gospel Church, Oakwood, Michigan. Rev. Frank Racine united the couple in holy matrimony. The reception was held in the Oakwood Western Star Hall.

Edward Aninos, Drayton Metal Dept., and Rebecca Sue Harris were married November 12th, 1960, in Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Waterford, Mich. The reception was held at the American Italian Club in Pontiac, Michigan. Upon arrival at their honeymoon destination the newlyweds discovered there had been a suicide there the week before. What a morbid thought. They went elsewhere, and who wouldn't.

A Last Minute Scoop

Just as we went to press, the Staff received a confirmation of the engagement of Mr. Bill Martin, a Zone Manager for the Kansas sales force, to Miss Deanne Drallette of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Bill and De will be married shortly after Christmas. They have our best wishes.

(As we see it, Bill must have proposed over the telephone)

If You're Good

Santa Claus will come tonight

If you're good,
And do what you know is right,
As you should.
Down the chimney he will creep,
Bringing you a woolly sheep,
And a doll that goes to sleep,
If you're good.

Santa Claus will drive his sleigh,
Through the wood.

But he'll come around this way
If you're good,
With a wind-up bird that sings
And a puzzle made of rings,
He will bring you cars that go,
If you're good.

Jumping jacks and funny things

If you're good.
And a rocking-horsy, Oh!
If he would!
And a dolly that can sneeze.
That says, "Mamma!" when you squeeze,—
He'll bring you one of these
If you're good.

Santa grieves when you are bad,
As he should:

But it makes him very glad
When you're good.
He is wise and he's a dear:
Just do right and never fear:
He'll remember you each year
If you're good.



Piccola

In a small, thatched cottage in Italy lived a little girl whose name was Piccola. She was an only child, and her father and mother loved her very dearly. But they were so poor that they could give her but few pleasures. The glad Christmas time was fast approaching, and in Italy, as in other countries, it is above all other days the children's festival. They are filled with wonder about the good St. Nicholas. They talk of his coming, and plan how they will lie awake to hear the prancing reindeer on the roof. And perhaps—who knows—they may catch a glimpse of the jolly old man himself, with his red cheeks and white beard and long fur coat. What joy it would be to see him filling the stockings from the pack of toys upon his back!

To little Piccola, it was a gladsome time. She never doubted for a moment that something beautiful must befall every child on Christmas Day. She talked and sang, and made the house ring with her joy and delight. She had been told that Santa Claus remembers all good children, and every night at bed time she would ask: "Have I been a help to you today, mother? Have I been good enough to please St. Nicholas?"

"Yes, dear child," her mother could always answer, "but we are so poor, I fear St. Nicholas will not remember us."

"Oh, yes, he will," the trusting child never failed to reply. "The kind saint, you know, loves all good children and remembers them."

To her father and mother it was a time of sadness for they were far too poor to buy presents for their little daughter. The thought of her disappointment on Christmas morning was almost more than they could bear. But what could they do? It was often hard for them to provide enough food and fuel to keep from suffering. Their house was old, and the winds beat the rain and snow through its many cracks and crevices.

The much longed-for Christmas eve came at last, and with it a storm of snow and wind. The poor child was sadly troubled because she had no stockings to hang by the chimney. Perhaps St. Nicholas would come and not find a place to put his present. In a moment, however, she remembered her wooden shoes, and placing them in front of the fireplace, she pattered away to bed, happy and hopeful in the belief that her shoes would not be empty in the morning.

Piccola slept soundly, and awoke sure that a gift had been left for her during the

night. With a bound she was out of bed and across the room at the chimney. She looked into her shoes and found—what do you think? Strange as it may seem, in one of them was a tiny swallow, wet and shivering with cold. With a shout of delight she ran to her parents, holding out her treasure. "Oh, look! look!" she cried. "See what the kind saint has brought me!" Never was there a more delighted child than little Piccola. She jumped and sang and clapped her hands.

Poor little brown bird! His wing had been hurt, and he could not fly. The night before he had found his way down the chimney and had crawled into the tiny shoe that stood upon the hearth.

The little swallow was not in the least afraid of Piccola. He took crumbs from her hand and reached up with his bill to drink the water that she held out on her finger. All day she petted and fed her new playmate, and the bird seemed to love her in return.

And not in all the land of Italy, that joyous Christmas Day, could have been found a happier child than sweet, helpful little Piccola.—Adapted.

Names For Santa Claus

Santa Claus is known by various names in the different countries. In the Netherlands he is known as St. Nicholas, from which our own name Santa Claus comes. St. Nicholas is specially loved in Amsterdam, the largest city of Holland, and besides Christmas, a day in November is devoted to his honor. The Dutch children leave their two little wooden shoes by the fireplace Christmas eve, to be filled by the good old saint, instead of stockings, as we do here.

The Christmas messenger in Alsace is supposed to be a lady dressed in white, whose face is powdered with flour. She has long, yellow hair, and a gold crown, ornamented with tiny candles. She carries a basket of presents in one hand, and a silver bell in the other. Hans Trapp, a mysterious someone of whom the little ones are all afraid, rides with her on the same donkey. The children place a bunch of hay behind the door for the tired donkey, with a glass of wine beside it for the lady and Hans Trapp.

Brain Twisters Answer

Ans. His Mother

Ans. 56

Ans. 8 1/4

Ans. 29 days

Ans. 792

Ans. 6 6/8

Ans. The true weight is the mean proportional between the two false ones, and is found by extracting the square root of the product. Thus, 16×9 equals 144, and the square root of 144 is 12, the true weight.

Ans. The man talking is the Father of the man walking away.